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Flood relief process nearly complete

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 Staff reporter

A year after the Minden flood, almost all claims for funds from the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program have been processed.

"There are still a few unknowns with insurance companies," disaster relief committee chairwoman Jeanne Anthon told the *Times*.

As of April 15, 97 per cent of residential claims and 79 per cent of business claims had been processed.

After 10 ineligible claims were discarded, there were 66 claims in Minden Hills for a total of \$1.6 million.

ODRAP covers up to 90 per cent of damage to essential furnishings, appliances and structural damage, as well as essential tools for businesses.

Ninety per cent of total claims equals \$1.4 million, with \$1.16 million having been awarded.

As of mid-April, \$530,000 worth of cheques had been issued and disaster relief project manager John Rogers hopes that all money will be distributed by July.

Under the program, claimants must purchase items or make repairs before they are reimbursed by the province.

The program, which exists under the auspices of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, relies on fundraising. The province matches whatever the affected community can raise up to a ratio of two to one.

In Minden Hills, the community raised

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Go your own way

Ryan Dawson took to the stage during an art symposium organized by the high school's Gay-Straight Alliance to perform a couple of spoken word poems and to discuss the meaning of acceptance with the attendees. See more on page 8. Zach Cox Staff

Municipalities grapple with OPP cost increase

Chad Ingram
 Staff reporter

Haliburton County continues to lobby against a proposed OPP billing formula that would see costs spike by more than \$5 million next year.

And it isn't alone.

Of the more than 300 municipalities serviced by the OPP, 190 would see cost increases under the new formula, scheduled to come into effect next year.

There are other townships that would

get financially walloped by the framework, which attempts to equalize OPP payments throughout the province on a per household basis.

The Township of the Archipelago is located along Georgian Bay.

According to the 2011 census, it has a population of 566 people, living in 238 residences.

Under the proposed formula, its policing costs would increase more than 10 times, from \$110,000 a year to \$1.2 million.

That represents an 11 per cent tax increase for residents.

The formula weights seasonal residences and year-round residences equally.

Comprised largely of islands, the township contains some 3,000 seasonal cottages.

Mayor Peter Ketchum stresses that 70 per cent of the cottages in the township are accessible only by water.

"It might take one police officer to police the community," Ketchum told the *Times*.

Like Haliburton County, the township sent letters to residents, asking them to write to Premier Kathleen Wynne and the

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Average flood-related residential claim \$20,000

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\$780,000 in the months following the flood and the province provided the maximum 90 per cent reimbursement rate.

The disaster relief committee, which co-ordinated fundraising efforts and reviews each of the claims using a manual provided by the province, continues to meet.

Appointed by Minden Hills council, it consists of Anthon, Jack Brezina, Bill Obee, Larry Grigg, Shelley Houser, Andrew Hodgson and Max Ward.

Rogers, also appointed by council, works with the committee and with claimants on the specifics of their claims.

The cost for the project manager position is covered by the province.

Another of the committee's duties is to compile a report with feedback on the process to be submitted to the ministry.

"We've pretty much completed the report," Anthon said, adding it would be submitted to the prov-

ince in the coming weeks.

Anthon said the committee is also looking at hosting a public meeting in the near future to gather community feedback on the process.

She did not wish to speak to the contents of the report until it had been submitted to the province.

The average residential claim was for \$20,800, with an average of \$17,200 awarded.

The average business claim was for \$38,000, with an average of \$23,400 awarded.

Beginning on April 19, 2013, the flood left large portions of Minden under water and Minden Hills in a state of emergency for three weeks.

While initial damage estimates were approximately \$4 million, more residents received assistance from insurance companies than initially anticipated.

Although many residents blamed the operators of the Trent Severn Waterway for the length of the flood, a report contracted from AECOM Canada Ltd. by the

federal government found that a combination of rainfall and frozen ground was responsible for the disaster.

While Haliburton County has recently been under a flood warning and while there have been some road washouts in the county

and high levels on the Irondale River, there has been no severe flooding in Minden so far this spring.

Despite huge cost increase, Muskoka mostly silent on OPP costs

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Ministry Of Community Safety And Correctional Services.

"Currently, the OPP bill is based on a municipality's actual occurrence rate," reads the letter signed by Ketchum. "However, the OPP is proposing to bill based on the number of households in each municipality and to significantly increase its charges for 'fixed costs.'"

Under the new model, policing will cost an estimated average of \$369 per household. This fee is weighted 73 per cent – or about \$260 – for base policing costs, and 27 per cent for per call service.

The latter figure will vary depending on the volume of calls in an area.

Ketchum's letter contained the some of the same criticisms of the model the county has been using, such as it excluding commercial and industrial properties and that is people, not households, that drive crime and therefore calls to police.

"We firmly believe that no municipality should be required to pay for crime committed in any other municipality," the letter goes on. "In the event that this new model is implemented, The Archipelago will have to consider working with some adjoining townships to set up our own police force."

Ketchum said many residents sent letters to the province and that the province was ready for them, sending back "boilerplate" responses.

Communities do not have to use the OPP. The Ontario Police Services Act allows townships to create municipal forces, or joint forces with adjacent municipalities.

The six single-tier rural townships in the District of Parry Sound – The Archipelago, Carling, McKellar, McDougall, Whitestone and Seguin townships – have been exploring the possibility of creating a joint force.

The Township of East Ferris is located in the District of Nipissing in northeastern Ontario.

There, the proposed formula would result in a 14 per cent increase in the tax levy.

Its mayor, Bill Vrebosch, wrote a letter to Wynne earlier this year.

"We, like many municipalities, are going to be forced to look elsewhere for police services or simply refuse to pay," Vrebosch's letter read. "I know that municipalities have obligations for policing, but this will force some of us to pay only the minimum service level required by legislation."

Closer to home, in the District of Muskoka, Lake of Bays township would get hit hard, with a doubling of its \$1 million policing bill.

"Horrendous," is the way Mayor Bob Young described the impact in an email to the paper.

"I believe the model is seriously flawed," Young wrote. "It does not account for the very low crime rate in rural communities like ours. The model needs to be driven by calls for service."

Like Haliburton County, about 60 per cent of the residences in Lake of Bays are seasonal.

Collectively, the District of Muskoka will see the largest cost increase in the province, with its collective annual policing costs jumping from \$9.7 to \$17 million.

However, unlike the county, where all four of its lower-tier townships are facing drastic increases, some townships in the District of Muskoka will see their costs drop because of the formula. Young indicated there has been little conversation about the issue at the district level.

"To the best of my knowledge, the District of Muskoka has not taken a strong vocal position and was awaiting the outcome of the AMO steering committee report," he wrote.

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario created a steering committee on OPP billing that included 15 municipal council heads and met through February and January.

The committee consisted of reps of both winning and losing municipalities and Minden Hills Barb Reid, who sat on the committee representing Haliburton County, said it was very difficult for the latter group to make their voices heard, with some even walking out of meetings.

The committee's report, released April 10, supported the per household model, with four-year mitigation funding for municipalities that would be adversely affected.

It was also suggested a combined weighted assessment/per household model that would make virtually no difference in the cost increase for the county.

The county's politicians weren't alone in their panning of the AMO report.

"Clearly, the AMO was already coerced into doing what the province wanted," Ketchum said. "If the AMO was a union, they'd now be sued by 200 municipalities for not representing them."

Young had equally harsh criticism for the steering committee report.

"I believe the AMO steering committee was of no help whatsoever to the smaller communities and their results appear to be biased towards those communities who raised the issue in the first place," he wrote.

A group of mayors had complained to the province that their



The District of Muskoka has not taken a strong vocal position.

— Lake of Bays Mayor Bob Young

municipalities were paying too much for policing.

"[The AMO's] proposal includes adding a component of the assessed property base in the costing model – a repugnant concept to me," Young wrote.

Like some of this counterparts, Young has been exploring the concept of a local police force.

"North Bay has its own police force and its population is similar to the District of Muskoka and the cost of their force is around \$17 million, the proposed new model cost for Muskoka," he wrote. "On a smaller scale, I had a discussion with a police force in Tennessee with a population and size similar to Huntsville and their annual costs are around \$2.7 million. The whole thing is salaries. The OPP have one of the highest salaries scales in North America and any smaller, local force would be able to control the salaries paid to their people. When you think of it, for a small community like Lake of Bays, we would only need a sheriff, a dispatcher and perhaps six officers. Can you imagine the impact on the OPP if many communities opted out?"

The OPP are paid equivalently to the Toronto Police Service. Last year, the average salary of a first-class constable, a position attainable in three years on the job, was \$90,000.

For 2013, 10 of the 29 officers at the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment were on the province's "sunshine list" – earning \$100,000 or more.

OPP officers are receiving an 8.55 per cent salary increase in 2014.

Haliburton County is orchestrating a day of action against the billing model for May 1, encouraging resident to inundate Queen's Park with calls and emails and take to Twitter with the hashtag #OPPMayday.

Correction

Gary Kendall is performing at the Dominion Hotel on April 26, not April 16 as the press release read in last week's *Minden Times*.

 	
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Darren Lum Staff

Budding filmmaker Seamus Jarrett-Lynch was a finalist in the TIFF Kids International Film Festival Jump Cuts Young Filmmakers Showcase. His film, *The Missing*, is about a dog and people that go missing in Haliburton. Starring Seamus, the film was also directed and written by the Grade 6 student.

Young filmmaker takes movie to TIFF

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Seamus Jarrett-Lynch already knows what he wants to be when he grows up, and he's only 12.

Born and raised in Haliburton County, the Grade 6 student at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School has his sights set on the big screen and is already getting a taste of fame.

Last Thursday Seamus attended the TIFF Kids International Film Festival, where his own film was part of the Jump Cuts Young Filmmakers Showcase Awards.

Titled *The Missing*, the concept of the movie was entirely Seamus's idea, from start to finish.

The two-minute film was shot and filmed in Haliburton this past winter and stars Seamus along with Dante MacArthur and Jack Merrifield. Lane Brohm was the cameraman for the film.

The premise for the film, which was created by Seamus's I Want To Believe Productions, revolves around two adolescents who are trying to find their missing dog, however during the process discover there is a

much bigger problem at hand.

"They go to put up missing posters and realize there is a bunch of missing people and animals," said Seamus. "And then there's a twist ending."

The idea for the film came from Seamus's own dog Rose, who runs away a lot, he said.

Apart from starring in and writing the film, Seamus also directed and edited it, executing his vision of how the film would come together.

The editing process was one of the most cumbersome of the whole experience, taking hours to complete.

However it was all worth it as Seamus is happy with how the final product turned out.

"It was what I pictured," he said.

While Seamus has always had a love for writing, his passion for filmmaking was sparked last summer following a course he took at the Haliburton School of the Arts.

"That's when I started loving film," he said.

Taught by Tammy Rea, principal of Sticks and Stones Productions and a local filmmaker, the week-long program taught Seamus not only how to create a script and

plot, but about camera angles, how to edit and produce a film.

The Missing first hit the big screen this past January, when it was screened during the Hockey Night in Haliburton event.

Prior to the broadcast of local documentary *There's Something in the Water*, the evening featured films created and submitted by local filmmakers, such as Seamus.

It was then submitted into the TIFF festival by Rea.

The film was submitted unbeknownst to Seamus, who got a call letting him know he was a finalist in the showcase.

Last Thursday both Seamus and Jack attended TIFF Kids International Film Festival, representing their film during a screening and Q and A event.

While *The Missing* did not take home the honour of best film, it was awarded an honourable mention in its category, giving it a top three finish.

For Seamus the entire experience was incredible.

"The best part was the theatre and the smell of the popcorn, it was like my movie was actually being shown at a movie theatre," he told the paper. "It was awesome."

The screening went well and during the Q and A portion the only question was directed at Seamus, he said.

Prior to getting there nerves got the best of the 12-year-old, who found his legs were trembling at the thought of watching his film in front of more than 100 people.

After it was shown applause filled the theatre.

"I'm pretty sure I heard someone say that's my favourite one so far," he said.

Although the memory of TIFF is still very fresh, Seamus is already looking ahead to his next film project, a 45-minute sci-fi piece to be titled *Destruction*.

The 12-year-old has received a tremendous amount of support from family and friends, sharing his movie making dreams and TIFF success with classmates at his school.

Following his experience at the festival Seamus feels more confident than ever that his movie dreams might one day become a reality.

"I learned that there are a bunch of other filmmakers out there and now I know for a fact that I am going to grow up and be a director and actor."

Septic service inspections down the drain

Zach Cox
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a April 17 meeting of the Algonquin Highlands council.

Back in February, the Algonquin Highlands council voted to enter into an agreement with the Peterborough County-City Health Unit for the provision of septic inspections.

At the time of the agreement, it was indicated that the PCCHU would have to make a business case and seek approval from the Peterborough County-City Board of Health. Recently, Algonquin Highlands was notified by email that the Board of Health turned down the proposal, citing too large a financial risk as the reason.

The townships of Minden Hills and Highlands East had voted to enter into similar agreements with PCCHU and are now in the same situation.

"Fortunately staff have been trained," said chief administrative officer Angie Bird, recommending that septic service inspections now be done in-house, with monitoring throughout the year.

"I'm just trying to understand how they came up with the 'no,'" said Henderson, questioning the reasoning behind the decision. "It's just like no, no, go away and get on with it."

Henderson also wondered whether the decision indicated that the township would be unable to outsource the task to a private company or whether the

township had to conduct the inspections themselves.

"No, I don't think they're suggesting that," said Bird, explaining that the only correspondence so far has been a short email. "That is not suggesting that we can not [use a private company] as long as it's in the legislation."

Council will be seeking more information regarding the refusal of the proposal, and in-house septic inspections will begin July 1.

Land use plan

Algonquin Highlands council was presented with the land use and development plan for the Stanhope Airport.

The plan, put together by Explorer Solutions, was completed in January and had the goal of identifying opportunities in how the airport could be developed and marketed.

The plan was met with some criticism from council members who had a different vision of what the document was going to be. "Certainly isn't what I had anticipated we were going to get," said Reeve Carol Moffatt.

"Disappointment in the process, definite disappointment in the final product," was Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen's impression. "A lot of this document is a little bit irrelevant, don't spend so much time telling us what we already know and so little time telling us what there is for us to do."

Council did concede that there was workable information in the land use and development plan.

"While overall the document is not

what I was hoping for, there is some good groundwork," said Moffatt.

Councillor Gord Henderson noted the importance of an airport manager, saying, "it really calls out for a direction under the leadership of a manager of operations and development. ... We need to seriously consider how we want to structure the job of the airport manager."

With the budget already set there is little room for assigning funding to projects for this year, so council decided to highlight accomplishable goals from the document and work towards their completion.

"I see no success in tearing the document apart, I think we take what's in here that actually has some tangible and achievable outcomes, put them on a piece of paper, attach names to them and get going," said Moffatt.

"We can accept this document and agree to work toward pulling out a half dozen things that are not impacted by budgetary restrictions if this year, and lay out a plan to move some of these things forward."

Solar power at the Dorset Tower gatehouse

The solar power system at the Dorset Tower's first upper level parking lot gatehouse will be supplied and installed by Haliburton Solar and Wind.

Three quotations were received for the supply, installation, and Electrical Safety Authority certification of all necessary equipment for a 500-watt solar system that includes solar panels, batteries, inverter, interior lighting, outlets and breakers.

The quotation of \$6,475 plus HST from Haliburton Solar and Wind was accepted, with the other quotations from Evergreen Power Ltd. and Ron Pratt Electric coming in at \$10,427 plus HST and \$7,865 plus HST respectively.

Solar compactors to come to Algonquin Highlands

In 2013, Algonquin Highlands paid BFI \$53,000 in lift charges alone, for transporting bins from landfill sites to the BFI processing facility in Bracebridge. Additional monitoring costs included township staff time and equipment.

“

I'm just trying to understand how they came up with the 'no.'

— Councillor Gord Henderson

In order to reduce costs, the number of transportation trips can be reduced by using larger bins and maximizing the content per bin, while using systems that require less management can reduce managerial costs.

Operations manager Mike Thomas proposed that council invest in solar powered 40-yard compactor systems for the Dorset landfill location.

Similar projects in other municipalities have had payback periods ranging from 3.7 to 10.5 years, and the large successes in reducing annual operating costs have prompted Waste Diversion Ontario's Continuous Improvement Fund to provide a significant amount of funding for installing compactor systems.

The proposed cost to establish two compactor units in Dorset is \$157,842, with an estimated \$66,294 being covered by the CIF. Council discussed the possibility of expanding the project to include the Maple Lake location as well.

Although there is no room in this year's budget for compactor units at Maple Lake, the application to CIF for funding can be submitted with the intention of receiving and using the funding in 2015.

Treasurer Tammy McKelvey suggested that council take this route, as CIF funding amounts have been decreasing and are projected to decrease more as time goes on.

Council was in agreement with the proposal but held off on passing a resolution for the day, as there was no sum of money attached to the dual-location project.

Once an analysis is conducted and numbers are determined, the resolution to install solar compactors at both the Dorset and Maple Lake locations will be passed.



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Minden escapes major flooding this year

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

As the spring thaw continues, and while Minden residents apprehensively watch the Gull River, there has so far been no major flooding in Haliburton County this spring.

As of April 22, the county was under what the MNR refers to as “flood outlook” conditions, meaning that while widespread flooding is not imminent, residents should continue to keep a close eye on water levels.

The county had been under a flood warning from April 10 until early this week.

“A moderate snowpack remains in the upper reaches of the watershed,” read an April 21 watershed conditions statement from the MNR. “Mild temperatures combined with rain have rapidly melted the snow, causing increased levels and flow velocities in local rivers and streams which are at near full levels and have limited ability to absorb additional runoff.”

There has been some minor flooding in the county, which is normal, with Dawson Road in Algonquin Highlands washing out last week.

Low-lying areas of Minden are holding water and while the Gull River has been high, at times submerging the town dock along Water Street and portions of Riverwalk, those highs have been within the normal range for the spring freshet.

Haliburton County is home to the reservoir lake system the Trent-Severn Waterway uses to feed the Trent Canal.

Most of those lakes are located north of Minden, which is the sole exit point.

All water from the reservoir lakes passes through the village and out the dams at the southern end of Gull Lake.



Darren Lum Staff

Water levels in Minden are not the same a year ago, as evidenced by Riverwalk April 22. Most of the path can be walked except for a few isolated areas.

As of Tuesday, there were no signs of flooding on the reservoir lakes.

“Water levels on the reservoir lakes are rising slowly,” the MNR statement read. “TSW officials advise that winter drawdown of the lakes has created adequate storage capacity under the current conditions and inflows, and there are currently no flooding concerns for reservoir lake shoreline areas. The Gull River through the village of

Minden is bank full which is not unusual for spring conditions. The dams downstream of Minden are open and water is flowing through the system.”

A year ago, large portions of the village were under water in a flood that left Minden Hills township in a state of emergency for three weeks.

A review of operations by engineering firm AECOM Canada Ltd. chalked the flood

up to a confluence of factors, including snowmelt, heavy rainfall and the still-frozen ground.

Residents can keep up to date on water level information by visiting www.ontario.ca/flooding

The Minden Hills and Haliburton County websites also have sections on water levels and flood preparedness.

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AMO blows it

“IF THE AMO was a union, they’d now be sued by 200 municipalities for not representing them.”

That’s what one Ontario mayor whose community would get walloped by a new proposed OPP billing model had to say about the Association of Municipalities of Ontario last week.

And he’s got a point.

The report produced by an AMO steering committee on OPP billing released earlier this month essentially backs up the fundamentally flawed per household model the province is in a mad rush to pass some time this summer.

This despite the fact that 190 municipalities – 60 per cent of the municipalities served by the OPP – would see increases in their policing costs.

The outcome is disappointing, but not surprising.

Throughout the months the steering committee met, there were cynical murmurings about the direction the report would take.

The members of the committee, Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid among them, were barred from discussing the details of meetings with their own councils.

There’s an ace move right there, making meetings about an already suspicious formula with a shady input process secret.

The committee was comprised of representatives of both municipalities that would benefit financially from the new formula and those that, like Haliburton County, would receive a massive kick in the junk.

Reid said it was difficult for the politicians from losing municipalities to make themselves heard, with some even leaving the final meeting in frustration.

Now, one can’t blame the politi-

cians from winning municipalities for wanting to just cover up their ears and sing *Pennies from Heaven* until the formula passes.

However, one can definitely blame the AMO for not fairly representing the interests of all its members.

The AMO has patently served as a yes-man to the province throughout this process.

No real numbers were used to show the implications of models, apparently out of fairness, but more likely because the AMO didn’t want to acknowledge the bloody, fiscal corpses the new formula will make of some of its members.

Friday before last, some county councillors and staff participated in a webinar with AMO reps, a followup to the

report.

It slid from painful to exasperatedly hilarious, the way the mood of someone on a sinking ship might go just before he’s about to die.

Under a bunch of scripted lines and obfuscated charts, reps were unable to answer some pretty straight forward questions.

Perhaps the most straight forward one was this: were all the committee members in favour of the report?

The answer was of course no, but neither a no nor a yes came from reps. Instead they talked about how committee members tried to find common ground.

Epic fail. Do not pass go.

The AMO’s slogan is “Working to make Ontario municipalities stronger.”

Let’s all pause for a chuckle, because that’s hilarious.

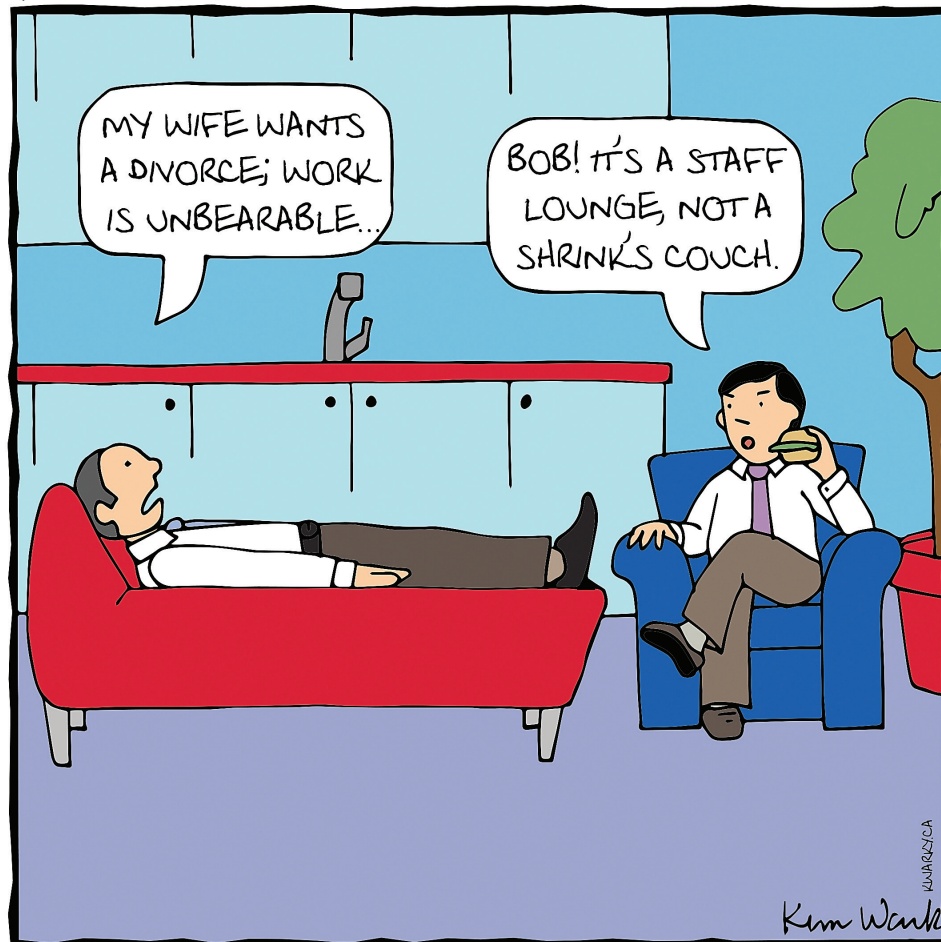
The AMO has failed Haliburton County and the rest of the municipalities who will be financially crippled should the proposed formula pass.

Along with questioning how badly they require the overpriced services of the OPP, these municipalities might also question just what the AMO is doing for them.



Chad Ingram
Reporter

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Live Poets in the Pub present WANTED: Dead AND Alive

During the upcoming SPARC (Symposium for the Performing Arts in Rural Communities) event, Live Poets in the Pub are holding an evening of sparkling entertainment at the Dominion Hotel in Minden on Friday, April 27.

Throughout the year, on the third Wednesday of each month, Live Poets gather at the Dominion Hotel to share their writing with fellow poets.

These evenings are filled with literary discussion, great food and an energizing sense of community.

Live Poets are pleased to present an evening of sparkling entertainment for SPARC attendees and residents of the Haliburton

Highlands.

There will be desperados in costume, armed with words. The evening begins at 7 p.m. with Live Poets reading works from their favourite dead poets as well as selections of their own poetry. Draws will be made for many exciting prizes.

During WANTED: Dead AND Alive, Live Poets will be launching their first published collection of poetry entitled *Highway 35*.

Copies will be on hand for purchase. It contains original work by 16 local poets, including pieces written by Pat Brown, one of the founding members of Live Poets, who passed away in 2013.

Have something to say?

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points of view

Look on the bright side

IF YOU THINK you are having a run of bad luck, consider the family whose car recently caught fire while they were driving through a lion park enclosure in the U.K.

There they were faced with the decision of staying inside and being consumed by smoke and flames or stepping outside to face a dozen really bored lions who were probably thinking barbecue. Talk about a tough break.

This poor family eventually had no choice but to step out of their car and walk away in the open with a pride of lions in close proximity. In short, they had to risk either being burned to death or eaten.

The only thing you can say is it could have been worse.

I mean what if they stepped out of the car only to be greeted by a bunch of feces-throwing monkeys? Or one of Oprah's Life Classes?

Fortunately, they never gave the worst case scenario any thought. Otherwise, they might not have done anything at all.

This illustrates the interesting part about life actually. In any given situation, things can always be worse or better.

Most of us don't worry about this as it's happening though – because we can't. We just live in the moment and do our best to deal with whatever comes.

If we think of possibilities at all, we only do so in retrospect. For instance, I'm sure no one in that car considered the worst case scenario at the time.

Nor did they consider the best case scenario of walking out as a pride of lions attacked a group of feces-throwing monkeys as they were targeting one of Oprah's Life Classes – which still would have been horrible because I'm sure Oprah would have found a life lesson in all of this.

In truth, all we can do is look back on occurrences like these and gauge how we reacted.

Then, if we are smart, we can try to learn something so that next time we're faced with the scenario we respond better – or avoid the situation altogether.

I feel for the people in that burning car.

That's partly because I have firsthand experience regarding car issues in lion enclosures. Better still, I can also offer some insight when hostile monkeys enter into the equation too.

You see when we were kids my father took us to African Lion Safari.

Despite signage that clearly cautioned against cars with hard vinyl tops from entering the facility, my father decided it didn't apply to us.

But midway through, the monkeys decided it did.

So they began to strip off long sections of vinyl from my dad's hard top. Suddenly, dad was left with the deci-



Steve Galea
Beyond 35

Darwin in the forest

THEY MIGHT BE fragments of anorexic pasta, these little squiggles of white speckling the forest floor of Sapsucker Ridge in these early days of a tardy spring.

They would be giants, if only Nature will let them, but Nature is a cruel master and there is almost no chance of them ever amounting to much of anything.

But still they try. Life begins for them almost a year ago in tiny yellow flowers dangling in catkins from the tips of sugar maple branches.

Months later, Nature sets them free in pairs with wings joined at their seed ends into the maple keys that go fluttering across the Ridge in the breezes of autumn.

They lie where the breeze drops them under the winter snow, the damp rotting away their shells until they emerge in spring. When the snow fades away, thousands of seeds that look like miniature peanuts dot the forest floor.

Soon each nut sprouts a squiggle, a little white arm that aims to poke a hole in the inch or so of leaf litter to find the soil beneath and take root.

A little warmer and the squiggle sprouts a maple leaf or two, just as its parent bursts into greenery. The squiggle becomes a plant, waiting for its place in the sun. Baby maples can live for years in the shade, but it takes a hole in the forest canopy to turn them into trees.

Leaves on the survivors of other, ancient maple generations blot out the sun, absorb what they need to will live on and reflect the rest back to the sky.

There might be half a dozen layers of leaves in the canopy. Only some catastrophe – disease or wind or a chainsaw – can let the sunshine give some maple stripling a future.

Even if the sun gets through the foliage above, things want to eat the little plants and a summer drought can thin out that year's crop.

Maples produce a bumper seed crop about every seven years and last year's crop – this spring's squiggles – was exceptional in this part of Ontario.

When the flowers make the tree tops yellow instead of green, says Barb Boysen of the Forest Gene Conservation Association, you know you have a bumper crop.

How long are the odds against survival? Typically, about 200,000 maple seeds should fall on each acre of my sugar bush each autumn. Over 15 years, that's three million seeds, but that acre will support no more than 20,000 living maples, almost all of them babies.

My forest is mixed, but mostly maple, overwhelmingly so in its sugar-bush portion. Even so, each acre can

support only about 15 mature maples. Perhaps a couple dozen more grow to a 12-inch diameter, large enough for tapping.

A sugar maple's life span is 200 years and more. You do the arithmetic. All of those thousands of squiggles popping out of seeds each spring and, on average, only one of them born every 15 years grows to maturity.

Talk about survival of the fittest!

The Brown Dog Jiggs and I have been talking about the home my

maples have made for themselves on Sapsucker Ridge. Haliburton soils are too acid to be ideal for maples, but scientists say that the remains of the leaves they drop each fall combine to lower the acidity.

Maples like my survived logging's heyday because they won't float, which was the only practical way to get timber to sawmills in the 19th century.

Once upon a time, the Ridge probably had pines among the maples. Pines do float, so loggers would have taken them away and left the maples behind.

This is the first year The Brown Dog and I have paid much attention to the squiggles. We have always been too swept away by the emergence of the

sion, should he step outside of the car to chase the monkeys off his car top or should he stay inside and expose his family to the type of swearing that could only be learned from a seven-year stint in the Royal Navy.

He chose the #@\$% latter.

But he did drive forward quickly and slam on the brakes several times, which in hindsight was not the thing to do.

For one thing, it made the @#\$\$! monkeys hold onto the ripped vinyl tighter and pull off larger swaths as they were thrown off the top of the car.

For another, it seemed to agitate the lions as well people in every other car in line with us.

By the time we were through, we had a car whose roof was in tatters and the obvious disdain of every monkey lover in the park.

Talk about embarrassing.

But again, it could have been much worse. Fortunately, Oprah was busy that day.



Neil Campbell
Back of Beyond

first leeks to pay much attention to anything else.

When the heat of the trees melts the snow away from their roots, the leeks are the first new plants to show their heads, first a tiny spear poking through the leaf litter, then a purple sheath, then leaves. Flowers come later, which a good many leek-lovers don't know.

The best thing about being a maple syrup producer is that it puts you in the woods to see spring's overture. For Jiggs and me, this is the start of a new year; Jan. 1 is for dilettantes.

Geese cackle, woodpeckers rat-tat-tat, ducks quack, owls hoot, all celebrating the beginning of things. We wait for the first slap of a beaver tail.

The sugar shack sits across from a beaver pond. Across the water, it is hard to tell where a peninsula ends and a dam begins, but a pair of sandhill cranes have been hanging out there.

Great blue herons are back in the neighbourhood. Somebody saw a bald eagle near a pond just down the road. We await the first frog sonata. As an Ian Tyson lyric has it, there is water, water everywhere.

And the squiggles, waiting with their forebear to unfurl their greenery, dream of being giants some day.

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High school symposium encourages acceptance

Zach Cox
Staff reporter

Acceptance was the theme of the day at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Gay-Straight Alliance's art symposium on Thursday, April 17.

The symposium was organized by GSA president Bethany Little and vice-president Kathleen Tedford who received funding for the event through provincial Speak Up grants in place to give students the ability to voice their thoughts. The symposium featured artwork, face painting, a movie for kids, a paint-by-numbers mural activity and spoken word poetry by Ryan Dawson.

"The GSA is student run, they choose where to go," says Catherine Andress, the staff member associated with the club. Tedford said the goal of the GSA is to create positive space. "We work towards a safe place in general," she explains. "Everyone should be treated as equals." Tapping into her passion for art, Tedford planned the symposium to encourage such equality.

The symposium featured an art competition titled Blush, with the entered artwork depicting elements that make the artists blush. Attendees were encouraged to vote on their favourite work. Taylor Sands won the People's Choice award and received \$100 for art supplies as a prize. A three-judge panel has yet to announce the winner of the \$150 prize.

A piece of artwork involving attendees was also in progress at the event, with a large canvas featuring a paint-by-number rainbow ribbon. The completed mural will be displayed in the school to promote collaboration and acceptance.

Spoken word artist Ryan Dawson was the

symposium's keynote speaker. On stage in the Northern Lights Performing Pavilion, Dawson performed a couple poems on loving life and who you are. He then facilitated a discussion on the meaning and importance of acceptance, lamenting that often when people find themselves they "try to squelch that away, to try and be someone that will be accepted." Instead, he encouraged everyone to "luxuriate in [their] quirkiness."



The completed rainbow mural will be hung in the school.



Zach Cox Staff

Taylor Sands stands next to the three pieces of artwork that she entered into the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Gay Straight Alliance's Blush contest. Sand's middle piece, titled Enrapture, won the people's choice award, netting her \$100 for art supplies.

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Readying for spring weather

Algonquin Highlands municipal workers place a culvert on Dawson Road, as a measure to prevent road washout from spring runoff early last week. These were temporary measures, which will be improved on this autumn as originally planned.



Algonquin Highlands municipal workers wait for material to be added, as part of culvert installation on Dawson Road.

Darren Lum Staff

Helping the turtle cross the road

➤ Land Trust needs plenty of volunteers to complete turtle monitoring program

Zach Cox
Staff reporter

"We need an army of volunteers." These are the words of Larry O'Connor, executive director of the Haliburton Land Trust. The call to action comes as the land trust is looking for 200 to 300 volunteers to take part in their turtle project throughout the months of May and June.

The project, funded by the Ministry of Natural Resources Species at Risk Stewardship Fund, seeks to reduce the number of turtles on roadways in the hopes of decreasing the number that are struck by vehicles. Several local species of turtles are "species at risk," and vehicles killing the reptiles, often adult females as they seek nesting areas, poses a tremendous threat to the populations.

The three-year pilot project has the potential to be expanded throughout the province and beyond if it is successful. Currently in its first year, the project is beginning with data collection.

Ten sections of road within the county have been identified as having "high turtle activity significant road mortality," explains O'Connor. During the months of May and June, volunteers will observe the 10 400-metre strips of roadway.

Throughout the two months, for eight hours every day, seven days a week, the roads will be under surveillance. Volunteers who are interested in helping out will be able to sign up for four-hour morning or afternoon shifts at one of the 10 locations. While on watch, they will track the turtle activity in the area, noting the species and measuring the sizes of the creatures, as well as moving them to safety should any climb onto the roadway.

O'Connor indicates that a good number of volunteers have already expressed their interest, but there is "a long way to go." A training session for volunteers is taking place on Monday, April 28, and will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the fish hatchery. Training will include elements such as caliper usage for measuring the size of the reptiles and proper turtle handling techniques should any need to be moved off the road.

After the two-month observation period, three sections of roadway will be identified as being the highest priority regions and will remain under scrutiny. At one of the areas, an underpass will be constructed, that will allow turtles to pass to the other side of the road without danger from vehicles. A "drift fence" will be installed along the roadway that will prevent the turtles from accessing the roadway and will usher them towards the underpass. If continued observation of the underpass indicates that the project was a success, expansion will ensue.

Those interested in volunteering with the turtle project can register online at the land trust's website; haliburtonlandtrust.ca, or by calling 705-457-3700.

MP receives health-care meeting report

A report detailing local residents' input, concerns and ideas on the future of health care in Canada was presented to local MP Barry Devolin at his Lindsay office last week.

The report included the views on health care as presented by local residents at several consultation meetings held across the area including Haliburton.

"The federal government's agreement with the provinces regarding health funding expires this year, so we felt it was a good time to provide patients' views to the government moving forward," said Mike Perry, executive director of the City of Kawartha Lakes Family Health Team, which spearheaded the consultations. The consultations were co-hosted in partnership with other family health teams, including Haliburton's.

The major themes were the need to keep health-care public and funded; a request for some expanded health services including dental care, medication coverage, and

seniors' care; and an acknowledgement that the health care system should also focus on healthy living, holistic wellness and preventing disease, which also saves costs.

"I am very interested to read the results," said Devolin, who also said the federal government continues to listen on ways forward in health care. Devolin said the findings should also be presented to MPP Laurie Scott, given that the provincial government has primary jurisdiction over health care.

The report of local residents' findings will also be presented to Scott, health-care critics from all political parties, and senior government officials of both the Canada and Ontario ministries of health.

Copies of the report are available online at www.cklfamilyhealthteam.com or by calling Danielle at 705-880-2020.

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Left, Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 1 student Dinah Ogley works on her Earth Day craft on April 22 at the Minden school. Earth Day is the largest environment event in the world and includes close to six million Canadians who participate in an Earth Day activity.

Above, Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 1 and 2 students showed their support of Earth Day through crafts.

Darren Lum Staff

Online voting to start Oct. 10

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during an April 10 Minden Hills committee-of-the-whole meeting.

An advanced polling station using paper ballot for October's municipal election will be set up at the Minden Hills Community Centre on Saturday, Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

That date was recommended by staff to provide access for seasonal residents who may be in town for Thanksgiving.

Meanwhile, online and telephone voting for the election will begin at 12 a.m. on Oct. 10 and continue through Oct. 27 at 8 p.m.

The township has hired Dartmouth-based company Intelivote to provide Internet and phone voting services for the election for \$37,000.

Oct. 27 is election day and the township will also have a booth for voting by ballot set up on that date.

These recommendations were accepted by council at a committee of the whole meeting earlier this month, to pass officially at a council meeting this Thursday.

Township sells road for \$1

Minden Hills township will sell the Elm Street church roadway in Irondale to Bark Lake Cultural Developments for \$1.

The group, which owns the former Anglican church in Irondale, has been trying to determine who owns the road that leads to the church, as the group wants to take advantage of some in-kind improvements to be made to the road's surface.

"Council instructed staff to contact our solicitor to clarify ownership and options for the municipality to help this organization to proceed with their paving plans," read a report from roads superintendent Kevin Hill.

"Our solicitor has confirmed that the ownership of Elm Street is indeed municipal and we have options on how to convey this property to the church group so they can take advantage of this paving donation."

The roadway is not an integral part of the township's transportation system, the report from Hill read.

Township waives fees for fair

Representatives of the Minden Agricultural Society visited councillors requesting that all fees be

waived for the use of the Minden fairgrounds for the Haliburton County Fair.

The township has asked organizations of longtime events to make presentations to council this year with requests for facilities as it assembles a new events framework.

Under the framework, events are categorized as township-run, township-sponsored or free-standing.

"I think we're very happy to work with the fair board again," said Reeve Barb Reid, requesting that a list of responsibilities normally carried out by the township be drawn up. "We don't have any written about what are responsibilities are."

This year marks the fair's 150th anniversary.

Tenders awarded

A two-year contract for sewer-flushing and storm sewer cleaning in Minden Hills will be awarded to The Pipe Spy Inc. for \$46,000. A two-contract for chipping and grinding of construction waste at the Scotch Line landfill will go to Nad-Core Environmental Shredding at the amount of \$565 an hour. The roads department will purchase a slip-in water tank from Road Maintenance Equipment Services for \$26,000.

Pan Am work continues at Wild Water Preserve

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Close to a year away the Toronto 2015 Pan American/Parapan American Games are fast approaching.

With more sporting events, venues and athletes, this multi-sports event will be bigger than the Olympics hosted by Vancouver in 2010.

There are two phases of work for the Minden Wild Water Preserve to welcome the world.

Pan Am Games communications co-ordinator Fulvio Martinez said Phase One work of the wild water preserve was completed on March 31.

This included course improvements and the installation of the canoe/kayak slalom gate course system to meet international federation standards.

The last phase of work will start in September.

This includes renovations and expansion to the current club house, Roger Parson's Centre. Part of the work involves installation of new change rooms, showers, a kitchen, washrooms and the expansion of the upper floor meet-



There are a number of events being planned across the region to celebrate.

— Fulvio Martinez

ing space.

It is scheduled to be completed this coming January.

This summer the preserve is ready for top class competition.

Martinez said the originally scheduled International Canoe Federation world ranking Toronto 2015 Test Event in September at the wild water has been moved up to August 23 to 24.

He did not address any specific Minden events to mark the one-year from the start of the games.

However Martinez said "there are a number of events being planned across the region to celebrate a year to go until the games in 2015. Details will be announced in the coming weeks."



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Flood victim

A century-old home on Minden's Bobcaygeon Road was demolished Monday morning. The house, located next to the River Cone near the Invergordon Avenue, was condemned as a result of last spring's flood. The family had been instructed by their legal counsel not to speak about the situation. John Rogers, the disaster relief project manager for Minden Hills, said he was unable to comment on the situation without authorization from the homeowners.

Chad Ingram
Staff

Painters Eleven evening at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery

➤ Film and discussion will explore world of abstract art

Laurie Carmount
Gallery Curator

In 1953, artist William Ronald founded a group called the Painters Eleven.

They held their first exhibition at the Roberts Gallery in Toronto the following year.

This was also to be the first major commercial display of abstract art in Toronto.

The group continued until 1960 leading Canada in this new art movement.

On Thursday May 1, at 6:30 p.m., the Agnes Jamieson Gallery will present the history and background of this group and abstract art.

Delving into the life of each painter and their work, curator Laurie Carmount will give an overview of one of the most questioned and unappreciated art movements which sometimes leaves many feeling puzzled.

This is an opportunity to understand how abstract art came to be with reasons to help one appreciate it more.

A highlighted member of this group that will be discussed is Jack Bush who often visited and painted the Haliburton area.

Following this is a film, produced by Toronto Animated Image Society, titled *Eleven in Motion: Abstract Expressions in Animation*.

This film was a major undertaking for the Toronto Animated Image Society; conceived from a desire to bring the art of abstract animation to a greater level of public recognition.

The goal is to expose the art of independent Canadian animators to new audiences, to encourage experimental and artistic diversity within the animation community and to reconnect the art of animation with the visual arts disciplines of it roots.

The program was built around personal and original responses to the work of Painters Eleven by talented and accomplished animation artist from across Canada. Each of the animators was paired with one of the original

Eleven and asked to develop an animated piece that was influenced by the artist.

It is one thing to view a painting – it's another to watch it become a moving animation before your eyes as it interacts with the elements it is made up of.

This extension of visual art is an exciting new dimension for art lovers.

To further the inspiration gained the evening ends with an opportunity, if so wished, to try your hand at creating an abstract painting.

Agnes Jamieson Gallery is located at 176 Bobcaygeon Road Minden. Visit www.mindenculturalcentre for more information. Admission by donation.

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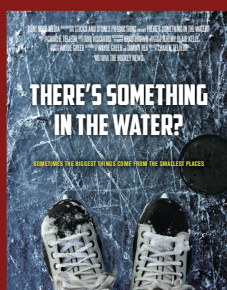
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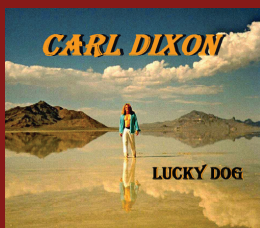
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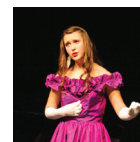
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Come enjoy the afternoon in the main clubroom.

The forecast for Saturday says seven degrees. If that holds true, you'll want a seat near the fire-place!

There is no cover charge, just a donation to the band, and pub-style food will be available.

Ontario Command Branches and Ladies' Auxiliaries Charitable Foundation reminds organizations that this Friday is the last day to apply for a grant.

Program grants can be provided to health clinics, long-term care facilities, fire departments and other not-for-profit organizations to assist with aging veterans, medical research or medical equipment, among others. For more details, go to www.on.legion.ca.

Members of Minden Legion are advised that there will be elections of officers for the 2014-15 year taking place at the May 7 general meeting.

If you have not yet renewed your

membership, please do so before attending the meeting.

Only members in good standing may attend. To date, the names of the following candidates have been submitted for the upcoming elections: for president, Judy Flieger and Georgina Parkes; first vice Jan Briggs-McGowan; secretary Wendy Bolt; treasurer Diane Wigley; executive (six to be elected) Rick Wilson, Pete McGowan, Sonny Lauchlan, Al Mayo, May Bradbury, Lee Train and Roy Flieger. More nominations can be submitted the evening of the elections, and members may withdraw their names from nomination.

One of the prime goals of the Royal Canadian Legion is to remember those who served in our military, so I took the opportunity to discover the stories behind a few of the names on the County Cairn in downtown Minden.

In 1916, two brothers Herbert and Edward Wallace Cox, sons of Jonathan Cox and Jane Thompson, signed up at Minden within five days of each other. Edward was serving with the 38th Btt, Eastern Ontario Reg't when he was reported missing and then Killed in Action on 9 April 1917, the first day of battle for Vimy Ridge.

Edward was buried at Neuville-St

Vaast cemetery. His older brother Herbert was also killed in the same area of Pas-de-Calais France, 10 May 1917, less than a month after Edward's death.

Herbert is commemorated on the Vimy Memorial along with about 11,000 other Canadians who have no known grave. Herbert had married Elizabeth Helen Gouldie of Anson Twp, shortly before being shipped overseas with the Central Ontario Division, 20th Btt.

Just two of the soldiers who served, Lest we Forget.

Minden Legion is currently recruiting new members who support our veterans and our troops.

Applications are available at the clubroom during regular business hours.

Legion membership includes a Benefit Package offered by companies such as Ancestry, Carlson Wagonlit Travel, Dell Computers, Medipac Insurance etc, which provides specials not normally available to the public.

For each new member sponsored, current members will receive a ballot entry for an 11-night Caribbean cruise for two.

For more details, see the poster in the clubroom or go to www.legion.ca/campaign/one-by-one.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday May 5th, 2014

Minden Legion Branch 636
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AGM will commence at 7:00pm.

Do you have a passion for snowmobiling? If so, come to the AGM to hear what the club is doing and what is planned for the coming season.
Do you wish to join a great group of volunteers who enjoy assisting with the many functions of a large club? Come out and become part of the HCSA in a big way or a small way to help the club make the trails within Haliburton County the most enjoyable to ride.

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HALIBURTON COUNTY'S INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER
The Highlander

Devolin announces \$40,000 to support the performing arts in Haliburton County

Local MP Barry Devolin, on behalf of the Honourable Shelly Glover, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, announced \$40,000 to the Arts Council - Haliburton Highlands through the Canada Arts Presentation Fund on April 22.

The money will be used to support the first ever Symposium for the Performing Arts in Rural Communities (SPARC). The Symposium will be held April 24 to 27, at various locations in Haliburton County.

The goal is to bring together presenters, producers and creators from across central and eastern Ontario, as well as other regions of Canada, to discuss the business of performing arts presentation and how to grow and sustain the performing arts in rural settings.

"Millions of Canadians attend thousands of cultural events in communities of all sizes and in all parts of Canada. Today's announcement demonstrates our Government's commitment to supporting initiatives that enrich the economic and cultural life of our communities and make this country a wonderful place to live," said Glover.

"Our government is proud to support projects that contribute to the development of vibrant cultural industries in rural Canada. This investment will allow artists and organizations across rural Ontario to connect and explore new ways to enhance arts and culture in their communities," said Devolin.

"We are delighted to partner with Canadian Heritage on this important endeavour. The organizing committee hopes that the symposium will have a lasting impact on the performing arts in rural Canada," said Lesley English, chairwoman of SPARC.

The Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands is a not-for-profit organization that provides a voice for the arts in Haliburton County; serves as a catalyst for community economic development through the arts; and facilitates collaborative relationships among artists, organizations, businesses and government.

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Annual General Meeting

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DO YOU OWN A RED PINE PLANTATION IN NEED OF THINNING?

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If you own a red pine plantation and would like to join our package, call Peter Hynard at the number below. Your plantation must be red pine, at least 30 years old, 10 acres in size and in good condition to qualify.

Red pine plantations on good sites are ready for thinning at about age 30. Normally, one row in four is removed to allow for equipment access and trees are marked selectively for removal within the remaining rows. Thinning in this way requires specialized equipment.

You will be paid for the wood on a tonnage basis. Prices will be negotiated individually, as tree size and operational difficulties vary. In good plantations, normally about one-third of the stand is removed in the first thinning and revenues are in the \$200+/acre range. Second thinnings in older plantations do not normally require any further row removals and are marked selectively.

There will be costs to you as well. The site inspection and silvicultural prescription will cost each owner about \$200. Tree marking runs about \$30/acre. These costs can be paid when the wood is cut.

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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday, May 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

- File No. H-003/14
Applicant: Margaret GRAHAM
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 1, Concession A, Geographic Township of Anson
Nature of the Application: Easement
- File No. H-004/14
Applicant: Ilze PETERSONS
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 5, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Minden
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition & Right-of-way
- File No. H-008/14 & H-009/14
Applicant: HOLMA LTD.
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 29, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Stanhope
Nature of the Application: Right-of-way
- File No. H-010/14
Applicant: Laurentius VANLIESHOUT
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 29, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Stanhope
Nature of the Application: Right-of-way
- File No. H-018/14
Applicant: ESTATE OF BYRON BEATON GOODFELLOW
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 15, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Stanhope
Nature of the Application: New Lot

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office *by appointment* during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 23rd day of April, 2014

Michele Moore
Secretary-Treasurer
Haliburton County Land Division Committee
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Thankful for rain on Earth Day

Patti Fleury
Around the Town

705-488-2938
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Here at the old farmhouse we are celebrating this wet Tuesday morning of Earth Day being thankful that the rain has swelled the pony pond and hopefully the geese and ducks will decide to stay awhile longer.

Easter weekend was a busy one with cousin Margo kindly making the long drive from London, David, Rita and Emma joining us for Easter dinner and our younger daughter Caitlin and Rick staying overnight on Sunday.

Having already cooked a full turkey dinner it was nice to head out on Easter day to the Water's Edge restaurant in Bobcaygeon where true to its name the water had flooded over the outdoor patio area, a pleasant summer dining spot.

Today granddaughter Emma is shooting an episode for a TV series and again we are excited for her.

Diet wise I must resist all those chocolate treats left behind by well meaning guests but confess that motivation is sadly lacking.

A final reminder about weekend events at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441 Kinmount.

This Saturday, April 26 the Open Cribbage Tournament for both Legion members and non-members begins at 12 noon with registration ahead at 11 a.m. On Sunday, April 27

come along to the popular open mike jamboree with Scott Gartshore and Dirt Road from 1 to 5 p.m. The cost is \$7 with refreshments available. The 2014 first in a series of liver and onions lunches held on the last Tuesday of each month will be served Tuesday, April 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at a cost of \$7.

There is always an alternative hot entree on the menu and the cost includes dessert and beverage.

The annual nomination and election of officers for the branch will take place on Sunday, May 4. The Legion in addition to its many programs and services "in-house" provides valued financial support and volunteer leadership to our broader community on many occasions. For more information please call 705-488-3462.

With spring finally on our doorstep there is a need to tidy up our town and volunteers are welcome to join the Kinmount Brownies for Pitch-In Day on Saturday, May 3. Volunteers should meet at the Railway Station at 10 a.m. to receive their supplies and assignment then return back there at 11 a.m. for prizes and refreshments.

For high school students this involvement can be put towards their community volunteer hours requirement. That same day the Guides will be out along the Main Street selling their famous cookies from 11:30 to 3 p.m.

Cookies are also available ongoing from Austin Lumber, Kinvale Restaurant or by calling Lynne at 705-488-2919. The Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders meet every Monday evening from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Kinmount Community Centre and for more information give Lynne a call at

the above number.

Mark your calendars now for the annual rabies clinic coordinated by the Galway & Area Ratepayers Association, Inc. coming up on Saturday, May 3 from noon to 2 p.m. at the fire hall adjacent to the Galway Hall. This is a great opportunity to protect your animal friends at reasonable cost.

The Kinmount Pioneer Society is seeking crafters/artists with special talents that reflect our heritage. If interested in demonstrating these skills at the Pioneer Exhibit any day during the Kinmount Fair weekend Aug. 29 to Sept. 1 please call 705-488-1395. Anyone interested in helping with the 30th annual Pioneer Exhibit please call or join us on Saturday, May 10 at 2 p.m. at the Galway Hall.

There will be a Kaleidoscope of Art in Kirkfield on May 17 and 18 featuring original works by Kawartha artisans. The cost to participate is \$20 with the Show running from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both days. If interested in exhibiting/selling at the event please call Anne White at 705-488-1800.

We have just learned of the passing of Joyce Strang formerly of the Crystal Lake Road, Kinmount.

Many will remember Joyce and her late husband Fred from Strang's Value Mart in Bobcaygeon which continues to be operated by their family. Joyce has been a long serving member of Kinmount United Church. While petite in stature she always stepped forward to help out for every event doing more than her share. She will be much missed and warmly remembered.

Until next week...

County card scores

by Patti Fleury ~ 488-2938 ~ brucefleury1@hotmail.com



Her many friends in the card community are saddened by the passing of Belle Walker at the age of 95 years. The visitation will be at Monk's Funeral Home in Minden on Thursday, April 24th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the Service to follow. Although we never met I am told that Belle was blessed with a feisty, independent spirit. Over the past several years every week typing these now so familiar names into the computer for the column they become like friends and there is a sense of loss here as well. She will be well remembered.

April 15 contract bridge at Club 35: Leading the scoring were Sandy McKay 7,180, Mary Johnson 5,940 and Peter Gardiner 4,930. The Shiny Penny has now been replaced by the Lucky Loonie which was won by Ross Pawson while Sandy

McKay and Jackie Metcalf teamed up for a Small Slam.

April 15 contract bridge at Minden United Church: The top trio members were Lillian Mann 5,280, Gareth Kellett 5,040 and Jan Heaven 4,260. Nancy Ballantyne also reports that Catherine Kellett and Lillian Mann along with Susan Reed partnered with Heather Harrington had Small Slams.

April 15 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Barb Carpenter reports that winning for most lone hands was Harold Harvie with Reta Crofts high lady and Helen Burke low. For the gents Bruce Shephard took top marks with Ed McDowall low man and Terry Davis taking home the draw prize.

April 15 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Pauline Franzen 303, Bev Johnson 277, Belle Walker 257 and Vi Howell 240. First for the gents at 297 was Marcel Roussel followed by Howard Smith 263, Archie Ross 241 and Ron Morrison 233. Tom Grix won the major draw and also a smaller prize along with Marcel Roussel and our reporter Betty Wagar. The four moonshots went to Pat Roussel, Pat Norman and Frank and Pauline Franzen.

April 15 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: The duo of Peggy Beattie and George Hamilton set the pace at 402 then Jean Randell and Joan Bell 371. In third place at 332 were Pam Pappas and Anne Manning while our reporter Pearl Cowen partnered with Eleanor Lymer posted the afternoon's low of 147.

April 16 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell there was a tie at 56 percent for first place between the duos of Ev Morgan and Lois Emmerson and Ross Fletcher partnered with Jackie Metcalf. These bridge updates come from Muriel McIntosh.

April 16 bid euchre at Stanhope: Linda Lambert reports that at 267 Colin Miller led the whites then Jason Peacock 207 and Al McMullen 200. Pink honours went to Linda Voycey

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Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Saturday, April 26, 2014 from 11:00 am until the time of the Memorial Service at 1:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

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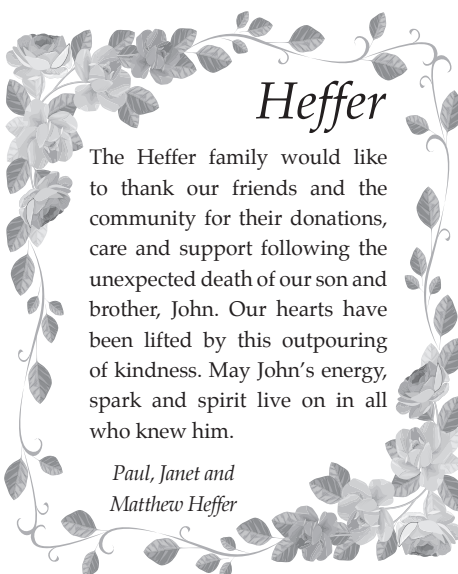
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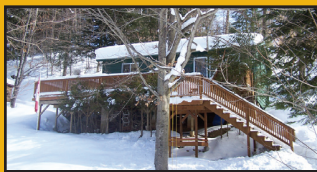
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Wenona Lake \$149,900

- Year round access, 3 bedroom cottage
 - Nestled in the woods along Wenona Lake
 - Deeded access steps away to beach front
 - Call Drew for further details.
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Twelve Mile Lake \$409,000

- Yr round, 1300 s.f., 3 bdrm bright cottage
 - Sand/rock shoreline facing east
 - Newer kitchen, cathedral ceiling in L/R
 - 3 lake chain with marina and gas
- Dagmar Boettcher 489-9968



Direct waterfront with 16 acres \$169,900

- 300 feet of level waterfront
 - Sloping lot for walk-out basement
 - Hydro at lakeside; Well treed
 - Close to Haliburton for amenities
- Janice Brookes 457-2128 x 22



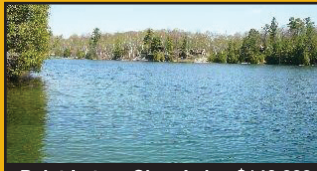
Little Kennisis Tranquil Retreat \$289,000

- 2 bdrm Viceroy, guest Bunkie, 3 pc bath
 - Deck, barbecue area, fire-pit, cell service
 - Deck & dock at water, several sitting areas
 - Woodstove, 3-season. Absolutely private
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Beautiful Stormy Lake \$329,900

- 358 Ft Waterfront, 1.44 Acres
 - 992 sq. ft, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath
 - Gorgeous point lot w/big lake views
 - Beach, garage and dry boathouse/storage
- Mark Dennys 457-2128 x 30



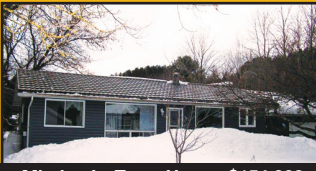
Point Lot on Clear Lake \$149,000

- 115' Sand & Deep Water Frontage
 - Just under one acre, good privacy
 - Perfect building site with multi views
 - Crystal Clean "Clear" Lake, BEAUTIFUL
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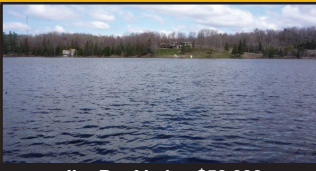
Beech Lake \$369,000

- 125 ft south facing – SUN, SUN, SUN
 - 2 bdrm with full finished basement on large acre lot
 - Room to build garage or workshop
 - Flat lot with deck and 75 ft cedar topped dock
- Lee Gauthier 489-9968



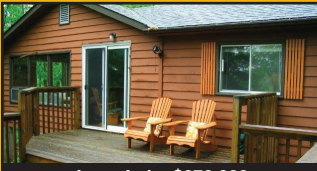
Minden In-Town Home \$154,900

- 2 BR home with single att'd garage
 - Walk to downtown Minden
 - Big back yard; nice neighbourhood
 - Good opportunity for 1st time buyer
- Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28



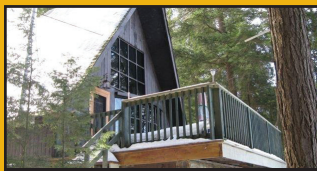
Jim Beef Lake \$59,000

- Great building lot. West Exp.
 - Just outside of Haliburton Village
 - Just under 1/2 an acre
 - Beautiful natural setting
- Andrew Hodgson 286-2138 x 29



Long Lake \$279,900

- Nicely-kept 3BR cottage on 2-Lake chain
 - Bunkie with loft at waterfront
 - Nice clean shoreline, sunset exposure
 - Easy year-round Municipal road access
- Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128 x 33



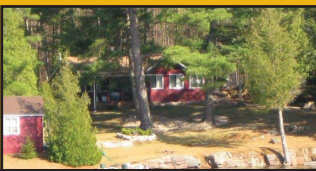
Kennisis Lake \$329,000

- Classic "A" frame cottage
 - 110 foot frontage; private setting
 - Western exposure & a big lake view
 - Large bunkie and garage
- Valerie Kulla 286-2138



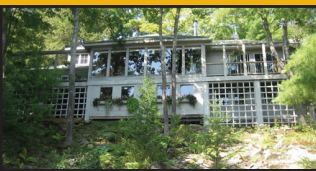
Minden \$199,900

- 3 bdrm/2 bath family home
 - New roof & family rm in 2013
 - Excellent location for home office
 - Large back yard and outbuilding
- Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23



Marvelous Moore Lake \$349,000

- Beautiful 2 bedroom home or cottage
 - Bunkie for extra space
 - West exposure & private lot
 - Huge pines, granite waterfront
- David Lee 286-2138 x 27



Stunning Big Lake View - \$439,000

- 3 BR seasonal cottage on 12 Mile Lake
 - Beautiful wood interior; Large living areas
 - Clean rocky shore; deep water off the dock
 - 2 hours from GTA; Easily winterized.
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Pine Lake \$269,900

- 100' sandy frontage, flat level lot, gar, shed
 - Bunkie with loft at waterfront
 - Mins. to shopping, Sir Sam's, full block bsmt
 - 3 lake chain, great fishing, swimming
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Location, Location, Location \$269,000

- 3 Bdrm home w/full basement
 - Attached garage & workshop
 - Close to schools & amenities
 - Drilled septic & propane furnace
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County Road 21 \$165,000

- Mins. to Minden conveniences, solid brick
 - 2 bdrm; walk out bsmt.; family room
 - Sep. dining room; fireplace; hardwood floors
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 - Many recent upgrades
 - Bunkie, single carport, storage shed
 - Public access to the 5 lake chain close by
- Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28



Outstanding Pine Lake Property \$579,999

- 395' of deep water & sand shoreline
 - Very level lot with huge majestic trees
 - Completely redone main cottage
 - Oversized 2 car garage with upper Bunkie
- Kim Stamp 457-2128 x 24



Mountain Lake Cottage \$360,000

- 3 bedrooms; Privacy; Child friendly beach
 - Upgrades – oak floors, pine board walls & ceiling
 - New kitchen! New wrap around deck!
 - Big lake view! Two Lake Chain!
- Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52



Minden Home \$140,000

- 2 Bedroom/1.5 Bath home
 - Open concept living area, laundry
 - Recently finished basement, deck, baths etc.
 - Walk-out basement
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Hunter Creek Rd Privacy \$179,000

- 2 bedrooms plus 2 baths
 - Walkout basement to large yard
 - 1.9 acres of privacy
 - School bus by the front door
- Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25



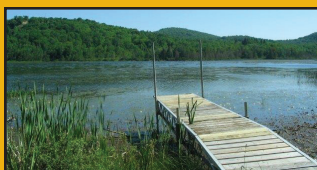
Ski-in, Ski-out \$213,000

- 3 BR, 1.5 bath home on ski on 2+ acres
 - Direct Ski-in/out to Lake Umbagog
 - Open-concept living area, MF Indry; woodstove
 - Partially finished room in the walk-out basement
- Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25



Private Little Redstone Lot \$419,900

- 416 Ft Waterfront, 10.26 Acres
 - Mixture of sand/rock shoreline
 - Driveway installed, area cleared, docks in place
 - Beautiful eastern/southeastern lake views
- Mark Dennys 457-2128 x 30



Lg. Waterfront Lot on Cranberry Lk. 99,999

- Nice level lot with great privacy
 - 150' shoreline, 1.5 acres
 - Driveway in, building area cleared
 - Dock in place
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